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Our first meeting after summer break is on
September 8. Be sure to attend. The future of
our Sinclair community depends on your support!

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TO:

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DATED MEETING NOTICE

SEPTEMBER 8, 1991

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NYTSE

NYTSE meets the Monday after
the LIST meeting at:
Miss Kim's Restaurant
Park Avenue South
(between 21st and 22nd Street)

Meetings start at 7:30 PM

Coming Events:

September 8, 1991 LIST meeting

September 9, 1991 NYTSE meeting

Meeting Minutes:

June 9, 1991

Harvey called the meeting to
order at 2:45 PM.

It was reported that we had no
new members this month and we
sold 5 more issues of Technical
Tidbits.

We had a discussion about the
Prodigy Information Service and
the controversy that has risen
lately with that company.

Bob Gilder reports that there
appears to be a much greater
interest in the QL than he has

seen in years. He says he saw
more ads in QL World magazine
than ever. He also spoke about

the GOLD CARD by Miracle
Systems.

(Details on page 3).

Then we broke for the moment we
had all waited for:
THE SWAP MEET!!!

Many items were sold, but a few
items are still available from
LIST on a first come, first
serve basis (Contact Harvey for
availability). Among these
items are:

1 Sinclair QL with Power Supply
in excellent condition
Only \$50.00 (+ shipping)

1 Panasonic Cassette Recorder
Perfect for the 2068 and 1000

\$10.00 (What a steal!!!)

1 RGB Synch Adapter for TS 2068
Only \$10.00

1 Tasword II Word Processor
\$5.00

Pete Fisher's Guide
to Telecommunications
\$5.00 (the telecom. bible)

Microdrive Cartridges for the
Sinclair QL

4 for \$10.00 (TRY to find
them cheaper!)

Editorial

Hello! My name is Alvin Brandon
and I am the new editor of
LISTING. I have been involved
with Timex/Sinclair computers
since my first T/S 1000 back in
1983. Since then, I have moved
on through the 1500, 2068, and
currently the Sinclair QL. I
have a love for these computers
because it is incredible what
you can make these computers do
for a fraction of the cost of
some of the so called super-
computers. We are still able
to get current software direct
from England, including hit
games for the Spectrum. My
friends are still amazed when I
show them a new game running on
a computer (the 2068) that was
"discontinued" so many years

ago. I am hoping to do a lot
for our Sinclair community now
that I am in a position to do
something, but I am going to
need your help. Please send in
any articles, programs, ideas,
or projects that you would like
to see published in an upcoming
issue of LISTING. Without your
help, my job will become almost
impossible to complete. We
have to help each other if we
want our club to thrive now and
in the future. It's up to you.

QL CORNER

ANNOUNCING THE MIRACLE SYSTEMS GOLD CARD

In the editorial section of the April issue of QUANTA, an announcement was made that Miracle Systems, UK has developed another plug-in card for the QL's expansion port. The name of this device is the 'Gold Card'.

This card contains 2 Megs of RAM using 4x4 Meg memory chips, either a 12 or 16 Mhz 68000 microprocessor, a battery backed clock/calendar, will operate 3 disk drives - 360K, 720K, or 1.44 Meg drives. The card is smaller than their 'Trump Card' and has total function of the 'Trump Card'. The speed of the QL is said to be 3 times faster with the 12 Mhz version and 4 times faster with the 16 Mhz version.

As stated in QUANTA, this interface should rejuvenate lots of interest in upgrading the QL rather than moving towards emulation on other machines.

Sharp's sent me a circular indicating he will be selling the Gold Card on a pre-order basis. Cost @ \$599.00 plus a \$5.00 shipping charge and indicates that this version will speed up a QL by a factor of 4 and that there is a 2 year warranty on this I/F. They offer a trade in allowance for the 768K Trump Card @ \$170.00 and for the 256K version, \$125.00.

Interested parties should contact Sharp's :Tel 804-730-9697.

I ordered a Gold Card and if it is received before the September '91 meeting, I will bring it in for a demonstration.

INTERNATIONAL QL REPORT - PUBLISHER BOB DYI

Once in a while, something comes along - like a breath of fresh air - The International QL Report.

I've just received the first issue of this publication and I am quite pleased with its contents. The contents of this newsletter provides world-wide information on new products available for the QL, provides honest product reviews from QL users who have used/tested these products and how to buy products for your QL overseas by providing comprehensive information on foreign currency payment to overseas QL suppliers.....and much, much more!

A one year subscription for the International QL report is \$10.00 with the intentions of publishing 4 to 6 issues a year depending upon material available.

Bob Dyl
15 Kilburn Court
Newport, RI 02840

I have dealt with Bob Dyl a few years back when he operated 'The English Micro Connection', supplying T/S 2068 and Spectrum products. I am happy that he is still active within the Sinclair family! If you would like a complementary copy of this publication, why not send Bob a 29 cent stamp and request a copy, or better yet, subscribe! You will like it!

Bob Gilder 6/8/91

GIF On The Sinclair QL Supercomputer

GIF (or Graphic Interchange Format) is a standard developed by the people at CompuServe for the exchange of graphic screens between different types of computers. Back in the old days (1982) there was a format called RLE (or Run Length Encoded) graphics. It allowed you to send pictures from one type of computer to another (including the TS2068 and Sinclair QL). The only problem was that the pictures were limited to black and white and a maximum resolution of 256 X 192. In those days, this was fine because most computers were only capable of this resolution. But after a while all that changed. The Apple Macintosh was introduced, then came the Atari ST and the Commodore Amiga, as well as the IBM PCs. Developers found that RLE quite simply didn't take advantage of these computers great graphics abilities. So they set out to create a format to transmit color graphics with greater screen resolution. And so GIF was born. GIF is capable of displaying 256 colors out of a palette of 16,777,216 colors. The Sinclair QL is capable of displaying up to 4 colors in High Resolution and up to 8 colors in Low Resolution. The Atari ST can display 16 out of 512 colors, and the Commodore Amiga can display 32 out of 4096 colors. As you can see, GIF has far greater capabilities than most of the computers on the market today. Of course, GIF can only work up to the limitations of your computer. On CompuServe, there is an excellent GIF Decoder/Encoder for the Sinclair QL written by Donald W. Thompson on August 22, 1987. What this program does is map the GIF file to the Sinclair QL's screen size, regardless of the pixel resolution. Thus, a picture that takes up half a screen on an IBM with Super VGA (1024 x 728) will take up half a screen on the Sinclair QL (with 512 x 256). It does this by using a pixel skip pattern. Although the display does lose some quality, the results are still quite impressive. As for the colors, the program uses stipples to simulate 64 colors. The program selects the closest colors in the 64 color palette to represent the colors in the file. The results, though not perfect, do work. And you can get wonderful results by selecting a GIF file that is within the range of 320 x 200 with 16 colors. There are thousands of GIF pictures available for downloading from CompuServe, as well as GENie, and local BBS's all over. Pictures range in subjects from cars to planes to landmarks to logos to nudes to maps to famous paintings. There are pictures of every possible description, I am sure you would want to see some. If you wish to download the decoder from CompuServe type GO CLUB at any prompt. Chose Libraries, then select 6 (For QL). Download the files GIF_DOC, CONU2GIF_BIN, and SHOWGIF_BIN. I am sure you will not be sorry.

Alvin Brandon 7/91

This is a GIF Picture as seen on a
Sinclair QL
(The screen shows it in FULL COLOR!)



1991 LISTING QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill out this form and mail it to:

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This will help me by figure out your interests and give me some ideas as to what future issues should contain. This is your chance to tell me what you like and dislike about this issue of our newsletter so that I may correct any shortcomings in future issues. Your reply is greatly appreciated.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Timex Sinclair User Since: _____

LIST Member Since: _____

What is your main machine?

☐ T/S 1000
☐ T/S 2068
☐ Sinclair QL

☐ T/S 1500
☐ Sinclair Spectrum
☐ Other
Which? _____

What Sinclair machines do you currently have?

What do you use your Sinclair computers mostly for?

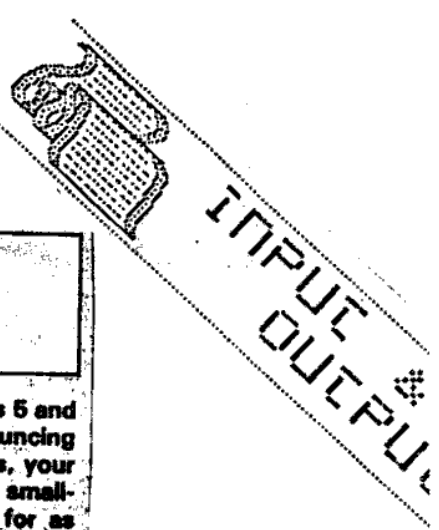
What would you most like your computer to be able to do?

How would you rate this issue of LISTING and why?

☐ POOR ☐ FAIR ☐ GOOD
☐ GREAT ☐ EXCELLENT

Why? _____

Thank you for your cooperation.



Move your bat with keys 5 and 8 in order to hit the bouncing ball. As the game progresses, your bat will become smaller and smaller. Keep the ball bouncing for as long as possible.

Bat 'n' Ball was written for the 1K ZX-81 by P Balstrick of Shipley, West Yorkshire.

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140 PRINT AT VAL "11",A;" "
150 LET V=V+VV
160 LET H=H+HH
170 PRINT AT V,H;"C"
180 IF H=A+CODE " " AND V=CODE
  THEN LET VV=-VV
190 IF H=A+CODE " " AND V=CODE
  THEN LET S=S+ABS VV
200 IF H>A+CODE " " AND V=CODE
  THEN PRINT "SCORE=";S;X
210 IF H=CODE " " OR H=CODE " "
  THEN LET HH=-HH
220 IF V=SGN PI THEN LET VV=-VV
230 PRINT AT V,H;" "
240 GOTO VAL "130"

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The perils of the garden are numerous if you are less than a centimetre long. On the left of the screen you, a small moth, hover, watching over the ground where you have laid your eggs. Down the right hand side of the screen come the evil mosquitoes. Shoot them down with a pollen jet before they can land and steal your eggs.

"Danger in the Flower Bed" was written for the 16K ZX-81 by David Miller of Baillieston, Glasgow.

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130 IF INKEY$="Q" THEN LET D=D-
140 PRINT AT D+1,0 "          " AT D-1
150 PRINT AT D,0 "          " AT D-1
160 PRINT AT M,N "          "
170 IF M<1 AND N<2 THEN GOT
0 1800
190 NEXT N
200 PRINT AT M,0 "          "
210 GOTO 20
220 FOR I=1 TO 50
230 PRINT AT I+1,2 "          "
240 AND 30+2 "          "
250 NEXT I
260 PRINT AT 10,8 "YOU GOT INVA
270
280 PRINT AT 12,10 "SCORE=";SC
290
300 PRINT "YOU HAVE TO SHOOT AS
310
320 PRINT "LANDERS AS POSSIBLE
330
340 PRINT "BEFORE 11
350
360 PRINT AT 5,5 "USE "Q" TO
370
380 PRINT AT 7,5 "USE "Z" TO

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0000 GO DOWN:  
0010 PRINT AT 9.8:"AND "PRINT TO  
0020 "PIE"  
0030 NEXT N  
0040 PRINT AT 14.10:"  
0050  
0060 PRINT AT 15.10:"  
0070  
0080 FOR N=1 TO 200  
0090 NEXT N  
0100 FOR N=0 TO 21  
0110 PRINT AT N C  
0120  
0130 NEXT N  
0140 PRINT AT 19.8:"PRESS 5 TO  
0150  
0160 IF INKEY$="5" THEN GOTO 200  
0170  
0180 GOTO 2050  
0190 CLS  
0200 RETURN  
0210 LET SC=EC+10  
0220 GOTO 45  
0230  
0240  
0250  
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0270  
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0290  
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ALIEN ENFORCER

The lethal alien comes speeding towards the earth. It is invincible. Well, almost invincible. Your only hope is to shoot the alien one hundred times before it lands. Alien Enforcer was written for the Spectrum or Spectrum Plus by Peter Forward of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.

```

1 GO SUB 8000
2 GO SUB 9800
15 LET hn=4
20 LET bx=15
30 LET by=20
40 LET ic=2
50 LET s=5
60 LET ht=0
70 LET fl=0
90 LET h=hn
105 CLS
110 FOR n=0 TO 30 STEP 2
120 PRINT AT 21,n; INK 4;"AB"
130 NEXT n
220 FOR n=1 TO 29
230 PRINT AT h,n; INK ic;"CD"
240 PRINT AT h-2,n-2;" "
247 GO TO 1020
250 NEXT n
255 IF h>19 THEN GO TO 9000
260 LET h=h+2
270 FOR n=29 TO 0 STEP -1
275 PRINT AT h-2,n+1;" "
280 PRINT AT h,n+1; INK ic;"CD"
287 GO TO 1010
290 NEXT n
295 IF h>19 THEN GO TO 9000
300 LET h=h+2
310 GO TO 220
1010 LET l=290
1015 GO TO 1025
1020 LET l=250

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1025 FOR f=1 TO s
1030 IF INKEY$="w" AND bx <= 2
    THEN LET bx=bx+1
1040 IF INKEY$="q" AND bx >= 1
    THEN LET bx=bx-1
1100 PRINT AT by,bx; INK 4;"E"
1110 IF INKEY$="o" THEN GO TO 2010
1120 NEXT f
1200 IF h=19 THEN GO TO 3000
2000 GO TO 1
2010 PLOT bx*8+12,15
2020 DRAW 0,by*8-h*8
2030 PLOT bx*8+12,15
2040 DRAW OVER 1;0,by*8-h*8
2045 BEEP .05,-10; BEEP .07,0; BEEP .010,10
2100 IF n=bx OR bx-1=n THEN LET ht=ht+1
2150 PRINT AT 1,1;"score=";ht
2200 IF ht=40 THEN LET ic=2
2210 IF ht=80 THEN LET ic=4
2220 IF ht=100 THEN GO TO 9500
2950 GO TO 1
8010 FOR n=0 TO 39
8020 READ a
8030 POKE USR "a"+n,a
8040 NEXT n
8050 DATA BIN 00000001, BIN 00000011, BIN 00000110, BIN 00001100, BIN 00011001, BIN 00110011, BIN 01100011, BIN 11111111
8060 DATA BIN 10000000, BIN 11000000, BIN 11100000, BIN 11110000, BIN 11111000, BIN 11111100, BIN 11111110, BIN 11111111
8070 DATA BIN 00001101, BIN 00001111, BIN 00011101, BIN 00011111, BIN 00111101, BIN 00111110, BIN 00110001, BIN 00110011, BIN 11100011, BIN 11100011
8080 DATA BIN 10110000, BIN 11111000, BIN 10111000, BIN 11111000, BIN 01111110, BIN 10001100, BIN 11000111, BIN 11000111
8090 DATA BIN 01001001, BIN 01010001, BIN 01111111, BIN 01101111, BIN 01101111, BIN 01101111, BIN 01101111, BIN 01111111
8100 RETURN
9010 PRINT AT 10,6; FLASH 1;"THE ALIENS HAVE LANDED"
9020 PAUSE 100
9030 PRINT AT 10,6;"ANOTHER BOY"
9050 INPUT a$
9060 IF a$="yes" THEN GO TO 2
9070 STOP
9500 REM **destroyed**
9510 PRINT AT 10,9; FLASH 1;"CONGRATULATIONS"
9520 PRINT AT 12,2;"PREPARE FOR DIFFICULT WAVE"
9530 LET hn=hn+2
9540 PRINT AT 14,10;"PRESS ANY KEY"
9545 PAUSE 100
9550 PAUSE 0
9560 GO TO 20
9810 CLS
9820 PRINT AT 5,9;"ALIEN ENFORCER"
9830 PRINT AT 10,4;"Shoot the alien 100 times," AT 12,3;"before it reaches the ground"
9840 PRINT AT 16,10;"PRESS ANY KEY"
9850 PAUSE 0
9860 RETURN

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00000, BIN 11100000, BIN 11110000, BIN 11110000, BIN 11111000, BIN 11111100, BIN 11111110, BIN 11111111
8070 DATA BIN 00001101, BIN 00001111, BIN 00011101, BIN 00011111, BIN 00111101, BIN 00111110, BIN 00110001, BIN 00110011, BIN 11100011, BIN 11100011
8080 DATA BIN 10110000, BIN 11111000, BIN 10111000, BIN 11111000, BIN 01111110, BIN 10001100, BIN 11000111, BIN 11000111
8090 DATA BIN 01001001, BIN 01010001, BIN 01111111, BIN 01101111, BIN 01101111, BIN 01101111, BIN 01101111, BIN 01111111
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FIREFIGHTER

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Benjamin Rabbit is the new recruit at Burrowville Fire Station. As soon as he is left in charge, the firebug tries to burn down the fire station. Benjamin must put out the fires by stamping on them or by running over a fire bucket which will fall onto the flames. He loses energy when he steps on a fire or runs into the firebug. If Benjamin manages to drop all the fire buckets in one room to the ground level, he will start a new room.

Firefighter was written for the 48K Spectrum or Spectrum Plus by T Sherwood of West Bromwich, West Midlands.

Underlined characters are those to be entered in graphics mode.


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1 GO TO 6000
100 FOR p=1 TO 3
110 FOR i=1 TO 2
120 LET y1=y+(INKEY$="0" AND
ATTR (x,y+1) <> 2)-(INKEY$="9
" AND ATTR (x,y-1) <> 2)
140 PRINT INK 8; OVER 1; AT x,
y1; a$(3-1); AT x+1,y1; b$(3-1); AT
x,y1; a$(1); AT x+1,y1; b$(1); LET
y=y1
220 IF ATTR (x+2,y)=150 THEN
GO SUB 3200
410 LET b1=b+(y>b)-(y<b)
415 IF RND >.8 THEN LET b1=b+
(b>y AND b<30)-(b<y AND b>1)
420 LET a1=a+4*((ATTR (a+2,b1)
=4)-(ATTR (a+2,b1)=3))
430 PRINT OVER 1; INK 8; AT a,
b1; c$(3-1); AT a+1,b1; c$(3-1); AT
a1,b1; c$(1); AT a1+1,b1; c$(1); L
ET a=a1; LET b=b1
490 IF a=x AND b=y THEN GO SUB
4200
600 IF ATTR (x+2,y)<7 THEN GO
SUB ATTR (x+2,y)*100+1000
920 NEXT i: NEXT p
930 LET q=(1+INT (RND *5))*4:
LET r=1+INT (RND *30): IF AT
TR (q,r)=41 THEN PRINT FLASH 1
: INK 6; PAPER 2; AT q,r;"E": LE
T u=u+1: PRINT #0; AT 1,1; PAPER
B1; u;" ": IF u>7 THEN LET f=f-2
: PRINT AT 21,f+6;" ": IF f=0
THEN GO TO 4000
995 GO TO 100
1305 IF INKEY$="" THEN PRINT
INK 8; OVER 1; AT x,y; a$(1); AT
x+1,y; b$(1); LET x=x+4: PRINT
INK 8; OVER 1; AT x,y; a$(1); AT
x+1,y; b$(1); FOR j=12 TO 36 STEP
12: BEEP .03,j: NEXT j
1399 RETURN
1405 IF INKEY$="" THEN PRINT
OVER 1; INK 8; AT x,y; a$(1); AT
x+1,y; b$(1); LET x=x+4: PRINT
OVER 1; INK 8; AT x,y; a$(1); AT
x+1,y; b$(1); FOR j=36 TO 12 STEP
-12: BEEP .03,j: NEXT j
1499 RETURN
1605 POKE z+3,70: POKE z+5,5: PO
KE z+24,28
1610 LET j=j+2
1620 PRINT INK 1; PAPER 5; AT j,
y1; e$(e)
1625 FOR j=j+1 TO j+3: PRINT AT
j,y1: INK 6;"0"
1627 LET l=USR z
1628 IF ATTR (j+1,y)=150 THEN
POKE z+3,0: POKE z+5,2: POKE z+2
4,29: LET l=USR z: LET s=s+35:
LET u=u-1: PRINT #0; AT 1,8; PAF
ER B1; u; AT 1,1; u;" "
1630 IF ATTR (j-1,b)=6 THEN GO
SUB 4400
1635 IF ATTR (j+1,y)=6 THEN PO
KE z+3,150: LET l=USR z: POKE z
+3,70: PRINT AT j,y1;" ": LET j=
j+1: GO TO 1625
1637 PRINT AT j,y1;" ": NEXT j
1642 PRINT AT j,y1: INK 6;"0"
1650 IF j=20 THEN PRINT INK 1;
PAPER 5; AT 20,y1; e$(e): POKE z+
3,60: POKE z+5,30: POKE z+24,28:
LET l=USR z: LET g=g+1: PRINT
#0; AT 1,22: PAPER 8; q: IF q=20

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THE HOUSE IS BURNING!

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THEN LET s=s+1: GO TO 7000
1672 LET f=f+2*(f<23): PRINT AT
21,0: INK 3;"ENERGY": INK 2;"RR
RR": FOR j=5 TO f: PRINT INK 4
:"R": NEXT j
1699 RETURN
3205 POKE z+3,130: POKE z+5,2: P
OKE z+24,28: LET l=USR z
3210 LET u=u-1: LET s=s+15: PRIN
T #0; AT 1,1: PAPER B1; u;" ": AT
1,8; s
3220 PRINT INK 1; PAPER 5; AT "
+2,y1; e$(e)
3230 LET f=f-2: PRINT AT 21,f+6
:" ": IF f=0 THEN GO TO 4000
3299 RETURN
4005 PRINT AT 21,0: INK 6; FLAG
H 1;"ENERGY"
4010 IF s>h THEN LET h=s
4020 LET c=0: LET e=1: LET s=0
4025 POKE z+3,0: POKE z+5,25: PO
KE z+24,28: LET l=USR z
4080 PRINT AT 21,0: INK 5; FLAG
H 1;"ALL ENERGY LOST "; INVERS
E 1;" PRESS A KEY "
4090 IF INKEY$ <> "" THEN GO
TO 4090
4091 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO
4091
4099 GO TO 9200
4210 POKE z+3,30: POKE z+5,255:
POKE z+24,28: LET l=USR z
4220 LET f=f-4: PRINT AT 21,f+6
:" ": IF f<1 THEN GO TO 4000
4230 PRINT AT a,b; OVER 1; INK
B1; c$(1); AT a+1,b1; c$(1)
4250 LET a=18: LET b=1+29*INT (
RND *2): PRINT INK 8; OVER 1;
AT a,b; c$(1); AT a+1,b1; c$(1): RE
TURN
4410 PRINT AT a,b; OVER 1; INK
B1; c$(1); AT a,b; FLASH 1: INK 4;
"E"
4430 FOR k=1 TO 8: POKE z+5,1: L
ET l=USR z: LET l=USR z: NEXT
k: POKE z+5,5
4440 PRINT AT a,b;" ": LET a=18
: LET b=1+29*INT (RND *2): PRI
NT INK 8; OVER 1: AT a,b; c$(1):
AT a+1,b1; c$(1)
4450 LET s=s+85: PRINT #0; AT 1,
8; PAPER B1: RETURN
6003 PAPER 0: INK 7: BORDER 0: L
LS
6005 CLEAR (USR "a")-100
6010 RESTORE 6010
6015 LET z=(USR "a")-99
6016 LET m=0
6020 FOR i=z TO z+28
6025 READ j: LET m=m+j: POKE i,j
: NEXT i
6026 FOR i=USR "a" TO USR "r":
7
6027 READ j: LET m=m+j: POKE i,j
: NEXT i
6028 IF m <> 16582 THEN PRINT "
ERROR IN DATA...6030-6094": STOP
6030 DATA 199,17,16,2,38,1,58,72
,92,31,31,14,234,238,16,237,1
21,67,16,254,37,32,244,1,21
6050 DATA 32,232,251,112,154,159
,61,93,117,124,56,8,62,93,157,21
,116,119,7,14,89,249,188,186,174
,62,28,16,124,186,185,168,46,238
,224
6060 DATA 43,184,109,46,228,62,1
64,25,0,255,54,127,0,0,0,0,60,66
,0,255,126,126,60,60
6070 DATA 231,36,60,126,255,153,
255,126,0,0,0,0,0,0,129,102
6080 DATA 239,239,239,0,254,254,

```


BLANK_EXE
by Real Gagnon

A program to help protect
your QL monitor.

BLANK_EXE is a little program helping to
preserve the phosphore inside of your CRT by
"blanking" the screen when there is no keyboard
activity for a certain period of time. To
execute BLANK_EXE, type: EXEC xxxx_BLANK_EXE
(where xxxx is the device containing BLANK_EXE).

To create the program, type in the Superbasic
hexloader in listing 1.

The program is very simple. First, we check
the last key pressed by looking at a system
variable, then we verify if its the same as the
previous one. If its the same, we increment a
counter, if its not the same, the counter equals
zero. If the counter reaches a certain limit,
then we blank the screen by POKEing the value 2
into address 98403. To bring back the screen
we have to POKE 0 at the same address. We will
do it only when the SPACE BAR is pressed.

LISTING 1 (Superbasic)

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10 REMARK BASIC LOADER for BLANK_EXE
20 :
30 REMARK by Real Gagnon-a88
40 :
100 RESTORE 1000:a=RESPR(1000):base=a
110 count=0
120 REPEAT 1
130 IF EOF:EXIT 1
140 READ x
150 POKE a,x
160 a=a+1
170 count=count+6
180 END REPEAT 1
190 SEXEC fip2_BLANK_EXE,base,count,100:STOP
1000 DATA 96, 28, 0, 0, 0, 4, 74, 251, 0, 20
1001 DATA 66, 76, 65, 78, 75, 95, 115, 99, 114, 101
1002 DATA 101, 110, 32, 98, 121, 32, 82, 71, 56, 55
1003 DATA 114, 255, 116, 1, 112, 11, 78, 65, 67, 250
1004 DATA 0, 110, 48, 57, 0, 2, 128, 138, 50, 128
1005 DATA 48, 58, 0, 98, 50, 57, 0, 2, 128, 138
1006 DATA 178, 64, 102, 0, 0, 26, 67, 250, 0, 84
1007 DATA 82, 145, 32, 60, 0, 37, 0, 0, 176, 186
1008 DATA 0, 72, 103, 0, 0, 24, 96, 0, 255, 218
1009 DATA 67, 250, 0, 58, 50, 129, 67, 250, 0, 54
1010 DATA 112, 0, 34, 128, 96, 0, 255, 200, 34, 124
1011 DATA 0, 1, 128, 99, 112, 2, 18, 128, 48, 57
1012 DATA 0, 2, 128, 138, 176, 124, 0, 32, 103, 0
1013 DATA 0, 6, 96, 0, 255, 240, 34, 124, 0, 1
1014 DATA 128, 99, 112, 0, 18, 128, 96, 0, 255, 198
1015 DATA 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
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